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Meriwether Lewis' Grove.

In the lonely heart of Lewis county, Tennessee, stands today a crumbling grey stone monument, with a broken shaft of limestone, erected by the state, on the spot where, in the 25th year of his age, Meriwether Lewis met his death! In solitude and desolation, moss over-lies his tomb, but his name lives on, brightening with the years! * * * Whether he committed suicide in a moment of aberration, or was foully murdered on his way to Washington, on October 11, 1809, will never be known to posterity.—Eva Emery Dye, in "The Conquest."

HELP PENDLETON: HELP MANKIND.

The educational institutions of New England have been builded and have become perpetual national monuments, on the action of individuals.

Entire towns maintained by some first-class college, academy or seminary, owe their existence to the generosity of pioneers who endowed that institution in its early years, thus giving it its very life blood and placing it above the possibility of failure.

The West has heroically founded and maintained numberless private schools, without the aid of endowments. The school spirit among the wealthy men of the West, with very few exceptions, has not yet fully awakened.

Struggling Western colleges seem to them to be unstable concerns, and they forget that Harvard, Yale, Columbia and other of the great American institutions tottered along for years, uncertain as to whether they should open on the succeeding year, unless some one came to their aid.

Finally, local gifts, generosity, the true spirit of philanthropy came to lift them to their feet and the world has been immeasurably blessed by their work for mankind.

Pendleton is now at that point in her school life where just a little splendid foresight on the part of her wealthy men would perpetuate an institution that would become a living monument to the memories of its pioneer benefactors.

Pendleton Academy, with the patronage and help of Pendleton people has been builded and developed into one of the best institutions in the West. The old hoodoo of its first management has been swept away. It will pay off its small floating debt from its income within the next year and is now on a practical business basis, and is an institution of which the city and county may well be proud.

It will live to become an honor to the city. The school spirit is awakening in the West. The demand for education is forging ahead until the capacity of almost every school and college is taxed.

The East Oregonian believes that no nobler work could be performed by the wealthy men of Pendleton and Umatilla county than to set aside a sum, the annual income from which should be used to maintain a perpetual scholarship in Pendleton Academy.

The money for this purpose lies idle in the vaults, poor boys in this community need the education and would become useful, inspiring citizens through the magnificent gift of such scholarship.

The present rate of tuition is \$40 per year. The income from \$700 at 6 per cent, would pay the tuition. There are 100 loyal pioneers in Umatilla county amply able to set aside this sum to be used to maintain perpetual scholarships in this institution. Could they build a more splendid monument than to know that some boy or girl, who might otherwise grow up in ignorance, would be educated through their gift. This work is not for a year. The perpetual scholarship

the names of these pioneer donors would be engraved in the very character of the citizenship of this community in succeeding generations.

Should not the thought of this far-reaching philanthropy appeal thrillingly to those who love Pendleton and whose lives are woven into its history?

Is Umatilla county going to put down her hands and quit, in the fight for government irrigation? Will there be no representative of this great arid district at the El Paso Irrigation Congress? The government engineers will be there to feel the pulse of the Western states through the delegates present. Upon the representations made there the future policy of the government will be largely builded. Public sentiment as well as reservoir sites, has to do with the location of government irrigation projects and this is the time for Umatilla county, to show the best possible spirit. The idle fund is available for use. The idle land is here and the water necessary to reclaim it runs to waste every year. Don't let up now. Keep everlastingly at the government. Be on the spot with a good word and a "plug" for Umatilla county wherever the government engineers are assembled to listen to public sentiment. There are dozens of interested men in this city and county able to go and a representation at El Paso means everything in the fight for irrigation.

THE INDIAN'S METHODS.

In the early history of our country, each of the six Indian nations at Lancaster, Pa., was invited to send a youth to Williamsburg college for free education. The Indians declined the invitation. They said that they had sent several young men to the colleges of the northern provinces, and that, when they returned, they were poor runners, ignorant of how to get a living in the woods, could not build a cabin, take a deer, or kill an enemy, and spoke their own language badly. They were not fit for hunters, warriors, or soldiers—they were totally good for nothing. "If," said the Indians, in their reply, "the gentlemen of Pennsylvania will send us a dozen of their sons, we will take good care of their education, instruct them in all we know, and make men of them."—Success for October.

THE FORESTS OF ICELAND.

One would hardly expect the subject of the forestry of Iceland to call for much serious attention, but a lengthy investigation of the trees of that country has recently been made by no less a distinguished person than Dr. C. V. Prytz, professor of for-

estry at Copenhagen. He says that the prevailing notion that Iceland has a single tree only, is a fallacy, and that there is quite a pretentious growth of trees on the land, the soil not being unsuited for the growth. The free growth of the country has suffered from injudicious cutting, he says, and makes recommendations for the reforestation of the lands and offers suggestions about the planting of birches. The latter spring up naturally there, and it is thought that by sowing these in places where the snow lies deep long immunity from destruction by sheep might be gained, as it appears to be only in winter, when grass is not to be had, that these animals devour the birch trees.—Philadelphia Record.

POWER OF A CARRIER PIGEON.

Some naturalists have been recently discussing the ability of a carrier pigeon to cross the Atlantic. Several years ago a pigeon post was actually established on trans-Atlantic liners by a Captain Reynaud, a Frenchman. It has been long discontinued, but while it was in operation a pigeon released from a steamer in mid-ocean actually succeeded in reaching the American shore. This feat, it is asserted by a recent French authority, was achieved only because the bird was in the track of numerous steamers, on which it rested during the nights. Even thus, its passage took nearly a month. Unaided flight over the sea for more than 16 hours or so, the writer says, is a physical impossibility for any pigeon, and the idea that one could cross the ocean is an absurdity. In spite of the great speed and endurance of this bird, the sensational performances with which it is often credited, are, he says, mostly fictions.—Success.

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